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1. Depth charges: Large numbers of depth charges have been stored in subterranean magazines at Trogir and Sibenik during the spring of 1948.
2. Firing platforms for V-2 missiles: In the neighborhood of Budva and Bara, south of Boka Kotorska, firing platforms for V-2 missiles are being put up, along with appropriate magazines. The building sites are surrounded by barbed wire, and heavily guarded.
3. Coast guard torpedoes: Near Zara and on the neighboring islands of Cres and Losinj, storage places for coast guard torpedoes have been established. During the spring in the same regions large contingents of anti-aircraft troops arrived.
4. Conversion of ocean vessels: The steamship PARTISANKA, as well as other ocean-going vessels obtained abroad, are being so adapted that in war-time they may serve as auxiliary cruisers. On the upper deck, special platforms have been constructed for heavy machine guns of Russian origin, as well as for antisubmarine and anti-aircraft cannon. All these ships belong to the state-directed shipping firms Jedranska Plovidba (Adriatic Shipping Company), Dubravicka Plovidba, and Oceanija.
5. Near Trogir, Sibenik, and Split, work-brigades receive military drill. The workmen are instructed in the handling of hand and automatic weapons, as well as in the servicing of machine and anti-aircraft guns.
6. Anti-aircraft regiment in Split: The anti-aircraft regiment for the defense of Split is composed of three battalions of 450 men, divided between four batteries. Each battery is equipped with three or four anti-aircraft guns of 88, 106, or 126 millimeter. Two battalions are quartered in the barracks in Split, and one in Trogir. Tactical exercises are carried out daily on the coast between Split and Sibenik. The regimental commander is Ivan Zupanc, a Slovene and former flier. Political Commissar of the regiment is Major Karaorovic (first name unknown), a Montenegrin.
7. Parachutists in Yugoslavia: The State Committee for Sporting Aviation last year instructed 2,650 Croatian young people in aviation and parachute jumping. These young people, of both sexes, were taught exclusively by Soviet parachute instructors. The instructional methods were on the Soviet pattern. Among the Soviet parachutists, the following

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prominent individuals may be named: Romaniuk Kajtanow (who jumped at a height of 13,400 meters) and Mrs. Schelenkow. Practical parachute-jumping courses were conducted at Samber, Velika Gorica, Bjelovar, Osjek, Knj, C. rklje (Krska Vas, Brezlice, Krsko), Daruvar, and Otosac. Theoretical courses, which were taken by 380 students, were held in Zagreb, Karlovac, Osjek and Split. On the occasion of the aviation meet at Rajloves and Butmir, military parachute jumping exercises were carried out by three squadrons, each composed of three transport planes and 200 men. Twenty five hundred civilians and 400 military parachutists took part in this meet.

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